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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of October 29, 2003 for one month to February 29, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

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